



COCHISE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Special Weapons And Tactics Unit

SWAT CHALLENGE INVITATION

The Cochise County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics unit is hosting the third annual SWAT Challenge December 2,3, & 4, 2008.

This challenge offers tactical units representing Federal, State, Military and Local agencies from Arizona an opportunity to exchange ideas and participate in a tactical competition geared toward law enforcement and military special operation groups.

Location: On historic Ft. Huachuca located adjacent to Sierra Vista, Az. Ft. Huachuca is approximately 65 miles southeast of Tucson. Driving time from Tucson is approximately 1.5 hours.

Ft. Huachuca has a 100% ID check of all persons entering the post. Be sure to bring your department ID.

Vehicles: POV's require a Ft. Huachuca sticker or a guest pass, which can be obtained at the main gate (this can be a lengthy process and requires proof of registration, insurance and DL). Government vehicles are not required to obtain a daily pass or have a Post sticker. Parking at the training site is limited so please car-pool. *(we are attempting to acquire vehicle passes in advance, which will be issued on the night of Dec 2nd)*

Directions: From Tucson, take I-10 east to the SR 90 exit. Take SR 90 south approximately 30 miles. At the intersection of SR 90 and **B**uffalo **S**oldier **T**rail (this is the Fort's east gate entrance) you will want to proceed south on BST. Take BST to the intersection of Fry Blvd. At the intersection of Fry Blvd, turn right, which is the entrance to the Fort's main gate.

Proceed through the main gate, you will be traveling west on Squire Ave for approximately ¼ mile or less. You will see a T - intersection on your right hand side where you will turn right onto Brainerd Rd. Take Brainerd North for about ¼ to ½ mile where you see another T-intersection. Turn left onto Kelsay Ave and travel west for about 1 to 2 miles. On the right hand side of the Kelsay Ave you will see the Thunder Mountain Activity Center (TMAC), which is where registration will take place on December 2nd from 1300 to 1700 hours.

Registration: Entry fees are 200.00 for each five person team and payable at the time of check-in on December 2nd. Teams are encouraged to register in advance on line, or may provide registration forms at the time of check-in.

Confirmation: Due to time and training staff constraints, a maximum of fifteen teams may participate. At this time fifteen agencies have been invited to participate (one team per agency). We ask that each agency confirm by phone or e-mail their intent to participate no later than September 15, 2008. After September 15th an open invitation will be issued to other agencies and those agencies already confirmed who may wish to enter a second team.

Please confirm your agencies attendance with CCSO Lt. Thad J Smith.
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cell: 520-559-5042
off: 520-803-3864

Lodging: Ft. Huachuca has offered the use of Gosselin Barracks at no cost. Two, Four, and Six man rooms are available. Each room is equipped with bunk style beds (actual beds not cots), upright cabinets and dresser drawer. Latrine/Shower, Laundry and Day room with TV are separate from the sleeping quarters but on the same floor. Bed linen and room service are not provided.

Army Regulations require female personnel be lodged on a separate floor of the barracks. Please advise if this accommodation is required so we may make the request.

Should you prefer other lodging accommodations we offer the following hotels. *Due to frequent temporary duty assignments on Ft. Huachuca, local lodging is in high demand. Therefore make reservations well in advance.*

Sun Canyon Inn, 520-459-0610 or for reservations 1-800-822-6966.
260. N. Garden Ave Sierra Vista (located 1 block from the Forts main gate)

Windemere Hotel, 520-459-5900.
2047 S Hwy 92 Sierra Vista (approx 2 miles from Ft. Huachuca)

Gateway Studio Suites, 520-458-5555
203 S. Graden Ave Sierra Vista (located 1 block from the Forts main gate)

Sierra Suites, 520-459-4221.
391 E. Fry Blvd Sierra Vista (located ½ mile from Ft. Huachuca main gate)

Holiday Inn Express, 520-8800
1902 S. Hwy 92 Sierra Vista (approx 2 miles from Ft. Huachuca) (adjacent to Windemere Hotel)